

**03-814 STEWART v. DUTRA CONSTRUCTION CO.**

Ruling below: CA 1, 230 F.3d 461

QUESTION PRESENTED

To qualify for "seaman" status under the Jones Act, a worker must have an "employment-related connection to a vessel in navigation." *Chandris, Inc. v. Latsis*, 515 U.S. 347, 357 (1995). What is the legal standard for determining whether a special purpose watercraft (such as a dredge) is a Jones Act "vessel"?

CERT. GRANTED: 2/23/04